

## AGRICULTURAL.

### Plowing, etc.

In the early part of this month light sandy soils intended for general crops may be plowed; and, indeed, spring plowing for sandy soils is preferable to fall plowing; for although clayey loams are benefited by winter ridging, and the compact pulverization from frequent thawings, still sandy soils would not be improved by similar treatment.

Although clayey soils, as well as all others, should be plowed as early in the spring as practicable, they should not be disturbed while wet. The effect of the plow is to compact them in lumps, and thus render them unkind and non-absorbent.

Such fields as were plowed last month, but are not yet planted, should be run through by the cultivator immediately, before planting, so as to have the surface of the ground thoroughly disintegrated just before sowing the seed. Such fresh surfaces favor rapid vegetation, and bury half germinated weeds too low to interfere with the regular crop. Top-dress winter grain with well composted manure or Super-phosphate of Lime, mixed with damp charcoal, Plaster of Paris, or loam, as you now wish to press forward the plants, which could not be done with propriety in the fall for their being too forward, and thereby more likely to be winter killed. Sow spring grain; plow deeply and manure freely.

A good crop for soiling is made by covering three bushels of vetches mixed with one bushel of oats per acre. Sow flax, hemp, linseed and oats, rye and field peas, plant beans, early potatoes and Indian corn. Plant mangels, parsnips, etc., for early next fall and winter.

Pastures should not be used until the grass is well started and the ground settled so as not to trod upon.

Remove from cellar, house and barn all decaying substances, and thus guard against diseases that hot weather induces.

APRICOT CULTURE.—The apricot is one of the most refined and peculiar of all the stone fruits; and it possesses an exquisite flavor that is not found in any other fruit. It is very prolific and bears bountiful crops annually if it were not destroyed by the curculio. It grows equally as well on the plum and peach as it does on its own stalk. It should be grafted on the plum when it is to be set in damp grounds. The apricot tree when young, in good ground is a rampant grower, and if left to itself will produce long andled branches in consequence of its growing only from the terminating buds and those near the top of each year's growth, saving the lateral branches and leaf spurs feeble. In order to obviate this and develop the fruit wood all through the tree, there should be on'y branches enough to form a nice open head and these shortened every season. This removes those radical buds and near the ends of the new growths, and brings the sap to feed the growths from the side buds, which produce fruit branches and fruit spurs. Decidually the best way to do this pruning is by pinching the ends of the tender growths off when they are a foot long.

PLOWING BY STEAM.—The Meadville, Pennsylvania asserts that Thomas S. Munn of that place has successfully solved the problem of making steam available in plowing and cultivating land. The steam plowing machine is so constructed as to adapt itself to all kinds of surface, plain or broken, and crawls over the ground with an unbroken bearing, its motion being not unlike that of a snake in its native den. In other words, it is kind of steam "hoop snake" whose executive force is equal to many scores of ordinary plows. It breaks up, harrows, drills and seeds or plants a strip fifteen and a-half feet wide at each passage. Its rate of progress is about four miles per hour, and it will finish off about ninety-six acres of ground plowing and all, in the space of twelve hours. Such a machine as this world work a great revolution in farming operations on the great prairies of the West or the savannas of the South.

STOCK FEEDING—RAW AND COOKED FOOD.—The question as to which is the most profitable for feeding stock, raw or cooked food, still engages the attention of the agricultural press. The majority of voices are in favor of the cooking process. A Kentucky farmer fed raw corn for a given time to his hogs—weighing them at the time of commencing the experiment, and again when a change was made to cooked food. The result was 51 to 17½ a large balance in favor of cooked food after deducting the expense of preparing the latter. Even one-half of the above difference would justify the feeding of the cooked material in preference to that in a raw state.

PEA NUTS OR GROUND NUTS for edible culture, require a rather long season. Sow in rows three or four feet apart in deep, mellow, rather sandy soil, in a good condition; drop two shelled kernels in a hill, and put the hills one foot apart. Plant as early as possible, as the young plants escape frost, to which they are as sensitive as beans—cover two inches deep. Use horse hoofs at first, and hand hoofs after they begin to run. At all events keep the weeds down. After first hoeing, thin to one plant in each hill. Crop, in the warmer States, 50 to 150 bushels per acre.

CORN-HEAL Pudding.—Two cups of corn meal, one cup of grated bread, one cup of molasses, and one of sour milk; two tablespoons of butter, a half a teaspoonful of ginger, a dr. of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of baking soda, or half a teaspoonful of seltzer, three eggs; after the batter is made, one cup of sliced apple—the apple must be of a kind that will cook quickly—and can be added or left out as preferred. Bake half an hour in a moderately hot oven.

Cream and sugar for sauce, as any other is apt to alter the flavor.

Spring has come; the farmers have commenced plowing, and birds filling the air with their delicious music, fills the soul with the happy thought that the DEMOCRAT is flourishing.

### NEW RESTAURANT,

In Shive's Building, on Main Street.  
**WM. GILMORE,**  
Informs the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity that he has opened a New

**RESTAURANT,**  
in this place, where he invites his old friends and customers, and partakes of his refreshments. It is his intention to make the best.

**LAGER BEER AND ALE.**

constantly on hand. Also, Pastes, Sauerkraut, Mineral Water, Fancy Locomomous, Raspberry and Lemon Syrup, can always be had at his Restaurant.

In the eating line he presents a

**BILL OF FARE**

as prepared in this place, viz., Pickled Oysters, Clams, Scallops, Fish, Barbecued Chicken, Pickled Tripe and Beef Tongue, &c., &c. He also has a good article of

*Chops and Cheating Tobacco*

for his customers. Give him a call.

Bloomsburg, June 13, 1866.

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